

ABSTRACT

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Early 19th Century

Wolfinger Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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District 9
Map 25
Parcel 28
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wolfinger Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Marsh Pike near Paramount

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Richard G. Wolfinger Estate

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Harrisburg Trust Company

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Pennsylvania 17105

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: INHT (Will Liber 23,
Folio #: page 330)

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmstead is located east of Marsh Pike just north of Paramount in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on sloping ground with the house facing west.

The dwelling is a two and one half story, five bay stone structure coated with stucco or rough cast. A two story, two bay brick el addition has been attached to the south end of the rear elevation. A double porch included under the main roof span extends along the east or rear wall.

Main story windows in the front or west elevation appear to be placed symmetrically in the walls. They are relatively large in size and have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow rounded frames. Below these windows are smaller openings at the ground level. The lower windows which are not aligned with those above contain either six over six or more recent two over two pane sashes. Centered on the west slope of the roof are three gabled dormers. Each dormer has a nine over six pane sash with a round arched top. Flanking the sashes are small pilasters. One dormer is present in the east slope of the roof.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The opening is topped with an elliptical arch which holds a fan light with curved muntins. The double doors each have four molded panels with matching jambs. Where stucco around the door has fallen away, cut stones forming the arch can be seen. Evidence remains of a one bay entrance porch with a nearly flat roof.

The roof of the house is covered with slates and terminates with molded barge boards set directly against the end walls. Several courses of molding finish the eaves. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

Behind the house are several outbuildings including a one story, three bay stone building with an inside end brick chimney. A series of frame sheds are attached to this structure. At the foot of a steep bank east of the house is another three bay, one story stone building, this one with an exterior stone chimney. This structure has been termed a "dairy."

North of the house is a large stone end bank barn which faces east. Set in its south gable wall is a rectangular date stone inscribed with the year 1838.

The buildings are in deteriorated condition and stand on a tract containing 150 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1816, Barn 1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Land Records concerning this property are not clear. Apparently in 1833, Joseph Gabby was a trustee for heirs of the Rensch family sold the farm, then containing 414 3/4 acres to Jacob B. Lehman (SS/407). Sometime later Scott M. Wolfinger acquired the land from Barton W. Hauptman (Will Liber 19, page 161). The land remains in the estate of Richard G. Wolfinger, son of Scott M. Wolfinger.

The property includes part of the tracts, "Addition to Long Meadow" granted to Thomas Cresap and "Long Meadow Enlarged" granted to Colonel Henry Bocquet. Long Meadows was one of the earliest settlements in Washington County. Thomas Cresap, famed Indian fighter who participated in the Maryland - Pennsylvania border disputes, established a fort there in the 1730's. Colonel Henry Bocquet acquired the original Long Meadow tract just after the French and Indian War and enlarged his holdings to 4,163 acres. Bocquet is remembered for his role in the French and Indian War in the vicinity of Ft. Duquesne.

For further information on the Long Meadow tract see form WA-I-210.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baer, Amos C., Unpublished information on "Long Meadows."

Taggart, Thomas, Map of Washington County, Md. Hagerstown, Md: L. McKee and C. G. Robertson, 1859.

Washington County Probate Records.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

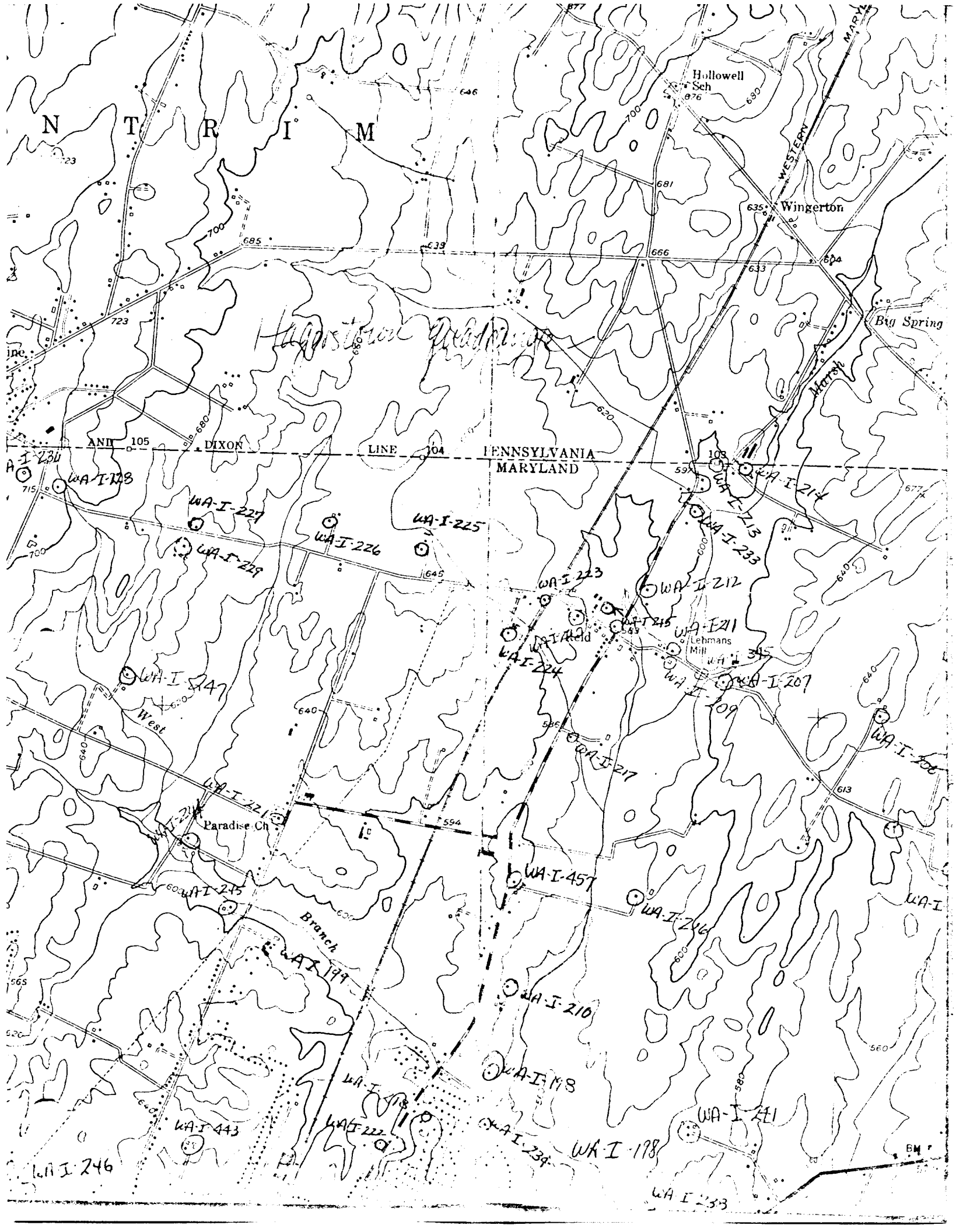
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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